



Jesus said, "You
are set free from
your sickness"

Luke 13.12



Our value
for this
week is
"Politeness"

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a lovely half term, it did go fast though! This half term is short but packed full of many activities.

This Friday we have a cake sale in the hall from 3pm. Donations of cakes will be very gratefully received please. The proceeds will go towards our Science Day which Mrs Blake has organised for Wednesday 16th March. This is when we have a company called Science Oxford who will be coming into school to work with the children for the day on various science activities, bringing science to life.

Also, on Friday at 9.15am we have the first of a five week series of parenting classes starting in school. These are run by Alex Lee and were very successful last year. The feedback was that it was a very supportive course which helped you to develop strategies to work with your child through difficulties or various stages of development. It also helped you to realise that you are not alone! I highly recommend you come along and find out if it is for you.

There are several sports tournaments for Key Stage 2 coming up which is very exciting. Good luck to all our teams who are competing in the events.

Remember World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. All children are invited to dress up but remember it is not a superheroes dressing up day, this is a book day and needs to be a character from a novel. See the information further on in the newsletter, which also includes a link to some dressing up suggestions.

Please note in your diaries events which are coming up, e.g. Easter Egg Hunt on 24th March and Groundforce Day on 20th March, both need your support to make them successful. We also have our Easter service in Church on Thursday 24th March at 9.15am.

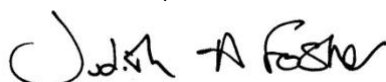
Parents Evening is on Tuesday 15th March and Thursday 17th March. Please complete the forms sent out to book your appointment. Unfortunately I won't be available on the 17th March as I am at a conference. If you need to speak to me about anything please ring to make an appointment at another time.

The dates for children in Year 5 to visit Secondary Schools to view the school they would like to move onto have been released. You can find details of them at <http://www.bucksgov.uk/education/schools/admissions-and-moving-school/admission-to-secondary-schools/open-events/> as well as a guide about the process of applying for your child's place.

Please could you remember not to park in the school car park, at any time. If you ask grandparents to pick children up, this applies to them also. One car parked in the car park last week and caused enormous problems for the school bus. Also a red car parked in front of the bus on the pavement outside school last week causing parents and children

to have to walk in the road! Please think about how your parking affects children's safety and our neighbour's access to their houses. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Judith Foster
Headteacher

WORLD BOOK DAY - 3rd MARCH 2016

In many communities in Africa, children have no access to books. Book Aid International believes that every child should have the opportunity to read. They aim to provide as many children as possible in Africa with books to help them learn and progress through school.

Book Aid International has put together some dressing up ideas for World Book Day; follow this link for lots of great suggestions.

<http://www.bookaid.org/get-involved/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>

The children should come to school dressed as a character from a book they enjoy and we would love them to bring the book with them so they can show it to their class. By sharing their enjoyment of a book it may encourage other children in their class to try new titles. The children will all receive a World Book day token to spend on a book and there are six titles that will be available in bookstores for just £1.



Who will **YOU** be on
World Book Day?

DONATE £1* TO DRESS UP
as your favourite book character

You could make a HUGE difference to thousands of children's lives.

www.bookaid.org/worldbookday

18 DRESSING UP IDEAS
Easy step-by-step guides

Thursday 3 March 2016

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ASHMOLEAN - ANDY WARHOL EXHIBITION

The Ashmolean in Oxford has an Andy



Warhol exhibition from 4th February to 15th May.

In Years 5 and 6 the art topic this term has been Andy Warhol and the children might be interested to visit the exhibition at the Ashmolean to see his work for themselves. It is going on throughout the Easter holidays and is free for children under 12 years of age.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a few items left from last term in our lost property box, they include;

Grey cardigan
White polo neck top
Navy jacket
Striped knitted hat
Single black glove
Shin pads
and a sock!

If any of these items are yours would you please collect them from the school office.

SPORT RELIEF - BAKE-OFF

**THE GREAT
SPORT
RELIEF
BAKE OFF**

On 18th March 2016, Key Stage 2 have been inspired to hold a Bake-Off competition to raise funds for the Sport Relief charity.

Callum and the rest of the Key Stage 2 team will update you all shortly with the details.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS



"Let's get collecting."

This year's Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers will be available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online, until 3rd May 2016.

Spread the word to friends and family and encourage them to collect as well!

There is a collecting box in the foyer or please send them in via your child's bookbag.

It's really worthwhile collecting, last year we managed to get lots of lunch time play equipment.

PHONICS SUPPORT SESSIONS

Don't forget Miss Chilton's Phonic Support Sessions on a **Monday afternoon from 3.00pm - 3.15pm** in the school hall.



GROUND FORCE DAY

Come and help us on **Sunday 20th March**.
10am until 2pm

We need lots of people to help with general tidying up and gardening in our school grounds. Bacon butties will be there to keep the workers going. Everybody is welcome even if you can only spare an hour.



HOT LUNCHES

Menu's and order forms are available via the school website www.twyfordschool.org.uk or from the school office.

ALLERGEN ADVICE - If you have any concerns about the ingredients in any of the meals you can contact Chartwells Customer Care Line for advice. Please note that the meals are all nut free.

If you need to cancel your child's lunches due to illness please call Chartwells Customer Care Line on 01908 615705 each day of your child's absence. A credit note is issued from the second day of absence.

Please return orders by 9am on Tuesday for the following week. If possible please order for the whole half term.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Years 3 and 4 were inspired by the beautiful day on Wednesday to go for a walk around the local area looking at habitats. They also found the dens that had been made on previous Outdoor learning sessions and managed to squeeze the whole group in!



The next Outdoor Learning session will be:

02/03/16

Years 5 & 6

Pebble Pets

When it is your child's Outdoor Learning session could they bring a **cardboard box** into school, a shoe box would be ideal. Once they have made their Pebble Pet they will be scavenging in the school grounds for materials to create a habitat for it.

Please could the children have suitable clothing for being outside for these sessions, wellies are always a good idea and warm/waterproof clothing. They will be painting so an old shirt to use as an overall would also be a good idea.

MK DONS - FAMILY FUN DAY



MK Dons v Brighton & Hove Albion

Family Fun Day
Saturday 19th March
2016 Kick-Off 3.00pm

Milton Keynes Dons Football Club are holding a **Family Fun Day** on Saturday 19th

March 2016 when they play Brighton & Hove Albion, kick-off 3pm.

They have invited students and staff of our school along with respective friends and family to be part of this special day and are offering special prices of just £12 Adults and £1 Under-18s for the match.

How to Book Tickets
Students, colleagues and parents can either call the MK Dons Box Office on 0333 200 5343, visit *stadiummk* or at centre:mk on Silbury Boulevard or buy online at www.mkdons.com. You should mention our school name when booking as this means the school qualifies for points under the MK Dons Group Ticket Rewards scheme.

If you know of people who would like to sit with certain friends, please do let the Box Office know so they can seat you accordingly, or alternatively, book as an organised group through the Box Office.

The school that sells the most tickets will receive a player visit from a member of the MK Dons first team. This will be determined by dividing the number of tickets ordered by a school by the number of students on the school roll.

1. Every ticket that is sold and associated with your school, will count for a point towards our Group Tickets Reward scheme which enables your school to book discounted tickets for future games at *stadiummk* and earn more rewards.

For further details, about the day itself, please contact the MK Dons Box Office on 0333 200 5343

For more details about the great rewards your school can earn, please contact our Group Ticket Rewards co-ordinator Charlie Page on charlie.page@mkdons.com or alternatively phone on 01908 622981



PTFA NEWS

- Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 19th April, 8pm at school. We will be discussing our fundraising activities for the Summer term, including our end of term Summer Sizzler event.

DECORATE THE OWL COMPETITION

If you haven't managed to bring your child's completed Owl and sponsorship money in yet, then don't worry as you now have until **Monday 29th February**.

Sponsorship money collected will go towards the Interactive Mobile White Board we are currently raising funds for. Don't forget there is a prize for the best looking owl and a prize for the one decorated with the greatest number of different items.



COFFEE MORNING



Tuesday 22nd March at 9am in the staff room. Please come along for a coffee, slice of cake and a chat. All parents are welcome, regardless of whether your child is new to the school.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19th April, 8pm at school.

FILM NIGHT - FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Doors open at 6pm. We will be showing "How to Train Your Dragon" for KS2 and "All Stars" for the younger children. Popcorn and drinks will be served in the interval. £2 per child. No need to buy tickets, just turn up on the night.

Nursery children are welcome to come, but need to be accompanied by an adult.



MAY BALL

Please check your bookbags tomorrow, Friday 26th February, as there will be information coming out regarding this fantastic event and how to order tickets. There is plenty of time to buy the frock, book the babysitter and book the hairdresser!



WISH LIST

If you would like to submit a 'wish' for purchasing new equipment and resources for the school, please fill in an application form and either pass to a member of the PTFA committee, or in the school office. Application Forms can be found in a folder in the front entrance.

The 'wishes' will be discussed at the next PTFA Committee meeting which you are welcome to attend, and decisions will be fed back to you.

The latest wish we granted was a new tricycle for the Nursery class.



ASTER EGG HUNT - THURSDAY 24TH MARCH AT 3.15PM

Donations of chocolate eggs (no nuts please) will be gratefully received from Monday 15th March. The event is for all children to enjoy. There will be a separate hunt for the Nursery children in their playground at the same time as a hunt for the older children.



PAELLA NIGHT - SATURDAY 19TH MARCH

Unfortunately we have had to postpone this event until next term.

TERM DATES - 2015/16 and 2016/17

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon on:
Spring Term 2016	Tuesday 5 th January 2016	Friday 12 th February 2016
	Tuesday 23 rd February 2016	Thursday 24 th March 2016
Summer Term 2016	Tuesday 12 th April 2016	Friday 27 th May 2016
	Monday 6 th June 2016	Thursday 21 st July 2016
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 th September 2016	Friday 21 st October 2016
	Monday 31 st October 2016	Tuesday 20 th December 2016
Spring Term 2017	Thursday 5 th January 2017	Friday 10 th February 2017
	Monday 20 th February 2017	Friday 31 st March 2017
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Friday 26 th May 2017
	Monday 5 th June 2017	Friday 21 st July 2017

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26 th February		PTFA Film Night
Tuesday 1 st March	<i>New</i>	Secondary School places for September 2016 are offered direct from Buckinghamshire County Council.
Wednesday 2 nd March	<i>New</i>	1 st Team Football Match vs Haddenham School (Away)
Thursday 3 rd March		World Book Day
Thursday 3 rd March	<i>New</i>	Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament at Waddesdon
Friday 4 th March		Year 6 Sports Tournament
Tuesday 8 th March		Tennis Tournament at Waddesdon, Year 3 & 4
Thursday 10 th March		Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Waddesdon, Year 3 & 4
Friday 11 th March		Year 6 Sports with Padbury School
Tuesday 15 th March		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday 16 th March		Science Oxford Workshops
Thursday 17 th March		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday 18 th March	<i>New</i>	Key Stage 2 Bake-Off for Sport Relief
Saturday 19th March		PTFA Paella Night at The Crown
Sunday 20 th March	<i>New</i>	Groundforce Day, 10am until 2pm
Monday 21 st March - Thursday 24 th March		Easter Week / RE Week
Monday 21 st March		Parents meeting for Year 6 SATs tests in May, 7pm
Monday 21 st March		Parents meeting for Year 5 & 6 residential Visit, 7.30pm
Monday 21 st March		Rev. Hiscock leading an Easter Workshop for Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 22 nd March	<i>New</i>	PTFA Coffee Morning 9-10am
Wednesday 23 rd March		Chartwells Easter Special menu
Thursday 24 th March		Easter Service, St. Mary's Church, Twyford 9.15am
Thursday 24 th March		PTFA Easter Egg Hunt 3.15pm
Thursday 24 th March		School closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 11 th April		Inset Day
Tuesday 12 th April		School re-opens after Easter Holiday
Monday 18 th April		Reception class places are offered direct from Buckinghamshire County Council.
Wednesday 20 th April		Faith Tour, Years 5 and 6
Saturday 7 th May		PTFA May Ball
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th May		Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 19 th May		Chartwells Italian Day Menu
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May		Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Friday 27 th May		School closes for Half Term

